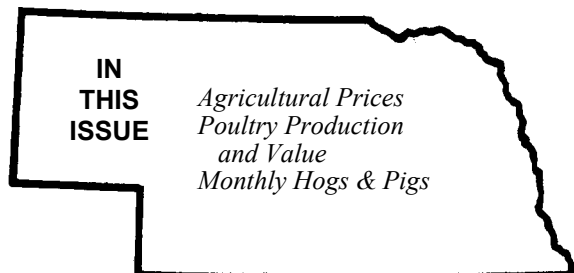


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Dear producers and other data users:

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Prices Received By Farmers

The preliminary United States All Farms Products Index of Prices Received in April was 101 based on 1990-92=100, up 2 points (2.0 percent) from the March index. Higher prices for cattle, lettuce, onions, and soybeans more than offset lower prices for tomatoes, broilers, wheat, and hogs. The seasonal change in the mix of commodities farmers sell, based on the past 3-year average, also affects the overall index. Increased average

marketings of strawberries, cattle, oranges, and milk offset decreased marketings of soybeans, corn, cotton, and wheat.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index is up 7 points (7.4 percent) from April, 2002. Higher prices for cattle, corn, soybeans, and broilers more than offset lower prices for potatoes, dry beans, celery, and lemons.

Prices Received: By Commodity, Nebraska and United States, Preliminary April 2003 with Comparisons

Commodity	Unit	Nebraska			United States				
		Apr 2002 ¹	Mar 2003 ¹	Apr 15, 2003	Apr 2002 ¹	Mar 2003 ¹	Apr 15, 2003	% of Parity	Parity Price ²
<i>Dollars</i>					<i>Dollars</i>				
Wheat	Bushel	2.73	3.39	3.25	2.83	3.54	3.34	35	9.68
Corn	Bushel	1.85	2.33	2.34	1.91	2.33	2.35	35	6.62
Oats	Bushel	1.93	2.23	2.20	1.99	2.08	1.98	48	4.13
Grain Sorghum	Cwt	3.16	4.03	4.03	3.13	3.94	3.96	35	11.20
Soybeans	Bushel	4.38	5.50	5.80	4.47	5.60	5.90	41	14.50
Hay, All, Baled	Ton	60.00	81.00	80.00	98.30	92.80	94.50		
Alfalfa, Baled	Ton	61.00	82.00	80.00	103.00	96.20	96.20		
Other, Baled	Ton	52.00	76.00	76.00	79.50	82.30	86.40		
Dry Edible Beans	Cwt	20.10	16.70	16.10	27.50	15.20	15.50	31	50.50
Hogs	Cwt	34.50	37.10	35.80	31.70	34.70	33.80	33	103.00
Barrows & Gilts	Cwt	34.70	37.30	36.00	32.00	35.20	34.20		
Sows	Cwt	25.10	25.70	26.30	25.30	24.70	25.70		
Beef Cattle	Cwt	70.20	76.90	79.80	67.30	72.70	75.00	47	161.00
Steers & Heifers	Cwt	71.10	78.00	81.00	70.60	76.70	79.30		
Cows	Cwt	39.80	39.80	40.80	40.10	39.50	40.10		
Calves	Cwt	103.00	99.40	107.00	101.00	97.00	99.10	46	216.00
Sheep	Cwt	22.80	39.50		26.00	40.20			79.10
Lambs	Cwt	70.20	105.00		64.70	97.10			185.00

¹ Entire month average except hay. ² Parity price based on data for April 2003.

Source: USDA NASS Agricultural Prices April 30, 2003.

Farm Machinery and Tractors: Prices Paid, United States, April 2001-2003

Item	2001	2002	2003	Item	2001	2002	2003
<i>Dollars</i>				<i>Dollars</i>			
Baler, Square, Pick-Up, Automatic Tie, P.T.O.				Grain Drill, Most Common Spacing (cont.)			
Round, 1200-1500 Lb bale	17,600	17,900	18,300	Min/No-Till W/Fert. Attach., 15 Foot	27,100	28,100	27,600
Round, 1900-2200 Lb bale	23,000	25,200	25,600	Hay Rake, Side-Delivery, or Wheel Rake,			
Chisel Plow, Max. 1 Ft. Depth of Tillage,				Traction Drive, 8-12 Foot Working Width	4,980	5,020	5,200
or Sweep Type, Drawn or Mounted, 16-20	13,000	13,400	13,100	Hay Tedder, 15-18 Foot	4,560	4,830	4,900
Combine, Self Propelled with Grain Head				Manure Spreader, Conveyer Type, P.T.O.			
Extra Large capacity	181,000	187,000	196,000	2-wheel, with Tires			
Large capacity	152,000	156,000	159,000	141-190 Bushel Capacity	6,630	6,760	6,760
Corn Head for Combine, 6 Row	24,500	25,700	25,900	225-300 Bushel Capacity	9,980	9,950	10,100
Row Crop Planter				Mower-Conditioner, P.T.O., Pull Type with			
With Fertilizer Attachment, 8-Row	28,800	29,000	30,000	8-10 Foot, Sickle (Cutter) Bar or Disc	13,700	13,700	14,400
With Fertilizer Attachment, 24-Row	95,000	97,600	95,700	Mower, Mounted or Drawn, 7-8 Ft. Sickle			
12-Row, Conservation (No-Till Cond),	47,400	50,400	52,400	(Cutter) Bar	4,730	4,840	4,980
Cultivator, Row Crop, 6-Row	6,040	5,990	6,330	Rotary Hoe, 20-25 Foot	6,920	6,490	6,610
12-Row, Flexible	13,800	13,900	13,700	Rotary Cutter, 7-8 Foot	3,100	3,240	3,130
Disk Harrow, Tandem, Drawn ¹				Sprayer, Field Crop, Power, Boom Type			
15-17 Foot	13,700	14,300	15,200	(Excl. Self-Propelled and Orchard)			
18-20 Foot	18,000	18,500	19,300	Tractor Mounted, w/ 300 Gal. Spray Tank	5,500	5,460	5,890
Elevator, Portable, Without Power Unit				Trailer Type, w/ 500-700 Gal. Spray Tank	11,300	12,000	13,100
Auger Type, 8 Inch Diameter, 60 Foot	3,820	4,020	4,180	Tractor, 2-Wheel Drive			
Feed Grinder-Mixer, Trailer Mtd., P.T.O.	14,600	14,900	15,600	50-59 P.T.O. horsepower	22,000	21,900	21,300
Field Cultivator, Mounted or Drawn				70-89 P.T.O. horsepower	34,200	34,500	33,600
17-19 Foot	10,700	11,000	11,600	110-129 P.T.O. horsepower	63,000	63,700	63,800
20-25 Foot, Flexible	14,300	15,900	15,900	140-159 P.T.O. horsepower	82,300	83,200	84,100
Forage Harvester, P.T.O., Shear Bar,				190-220 P.T.O. horsepower	114,000	118,000	116,000
With Pick-Up Attachment	28,900	30,100	31,600	Tractor, 4-Wheel Drive			
With Row Crop Unit, 2-Row	31,400	32,800	35,900	200-280 P.T.O. horsepower	127,000	132,000	133,000
Front-End Loader, Hydraulic, Tractor				Wagon, Gravity Unload, w/Box and Running			
1800-2500 Lb. Capacity, 60 Inch Bucket	4,910	4,990	5,000	Gear and Tires, Without Side Extensions			
Grain Drill, Most Common Spacing				200-400 Bushel Capacity	4,160	4,320	4,200
Plain, 15-17 Openers	12,100	14,000	14,000	Wagon, Running Gear, W/O Box,			
Press, 23-25 Openers	18,500	23,100	20,300	8-10 Ton Capacity	1,800	1,730	1,720
With Fertilizer Attachment, 20-24 Openers	15,700	18,600	18,600	Windrower, Self-Propelled, 14-16 Foot	63,200	62,900	64,200

¹With hydraulic lift transport wheels, tires.

Source: USDA NASS Agricultural Prices, April 30, 2003.

Field Seeds: Prices Paid, United States, April 2000-2003

Item	Unit	2000	2001	2002	2003
<i>Dollars</i>					
Legumes					
Alfalfa					
Proprietary	cwt.	277.00	278.00	280.00	286.00
Public and Common	cwt.	165.00	158.00	157.00	178.00
Clover					
Ladino	lb.	2.85	2.85	2.80	3.05
Red	cwt.	143.00	132.00	130.00	144.00
Row Crops					
Corn, Hybrid Biotech ¹			110.00	113.00	115.00
Corn, Hybrid Non-Biotech ¹			85.30	85.80	90.90
Grain Sorghum, Hybrid	cwt.	93.00	93.00	96.00	100.00
Potatoes	cwt.	10.45	8.50	10.90	10.80
Soybeans	bu.	17.10	20.70	22.50	24.20
Sunflower	cwt.	395.00	407.00	407.00	417.00
Small Grains					
Barley, Spring	bu.	5.80	5.80	5.80	6.90
Oats, Spring	bu.	4.50	4.70	5.35	7.05
Wheat, Winter	bu.	7.05	7.20	7.70	8.01

¹ 80,000 kernels.

Source: USDA NASS Agricultural Prices, April 30, 2003.

Feed: Prices Paid by Farmers, Northern Plains and United States, 2001-2003

Item	Unit	Northern Plains ¹			United States		
		April 2001	April 2002	April 2003	April 2001	April 2002	April 2003
<i>Dollars</i>					<i>Dollars</i>		
Alfalfa Meal	cwt.	12.40	12.50	12.50	13.40	14.40	15.00
Alfalfa Pellets	cwt.	10.60	12.20	12.80	13.40	14.40	15.30
Bran	cwt.	13.30	13.40	13.20	13.40	13.60	13.70
Beef Cattle Concentrate							
32-36% protein	ton	276.00	260.00	257.00	279.00	277.00	290.00
Corn Meal	cwt.	6.15	5.66	8.30	7.59	8.06	9.90
Cottonseed Meal, 41%	cwt.	12.10	13.00	13.90	15.70	15.80	16.60
Dairy Feed							
14% protein	ton	162.00	153.00	183.00	176.00	175.00	183.00
16% protein	ton	183.00	233.00	233.00	184.00	190.00	200.00
32-38% protein	ton	309.00	296.00	311.00	291.00	298.00	311.00
Hog Feed							
14-18% protein	ton	221.00	215.00	257.00	215.00	216.00	223.00
38-42% protein	ton	278.00	313.00	314.00	302.00	307.00	322.00
Molasses, Liquid	cwt.	10.20	9.71	9.80	12.40	12.90	13.30
Poultry Feed							
Laying Feed	ton	229.00	239.00	262.00	212.00	225.00	232.00
Turkey Grower	ton	243.00	294.00	286.00	259.00	264.00	279.00
Soybean Meal, 44%	cwt.	12.00	11.80	13.30	13.40	13.50	14.50
Stock Salt	50 lb.	3.00	3.11	3.40	4.05	4.12	4.30

¹ Northern Plains States: Kansas, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota.

Source: USDA NASS Agricultural Prices, April 30, 2003.

Fuels: Prices Paid by Farmers, Northern Plains and United States, 2001-2003

Item	Northern Plains			United States		
	April 2001	April 2002	April 2003	April 2001	April 2002	April 2003
<i>Dollars per Gallon</i>						
Unleaded Gasoline ¹						
Service Station	1.43	1.41	1.57	1.43	1.36	1.61
Bulk Delivery	1.46	1.41	1.58	1.47	1.37	1.60
Diesel ^{2,3} , Bulk Delivery	1.020	.933	1.156	1.080	.964	1.238
L.P. Gas ² , Bulk Delivery	.990	.765	.968	1.160	.925	1.213

¹ Includes federal, state and local per gallon taxes. ² Excludes State road taxes, but includes State and local per gallon taxes where applicable.

³ Excludes federal excise tax.

Source: USDA NASS Agricultural Prices, April 30, 2003.

Fertilizer: Prices Paid by Farmers, Northern Plains and United States, 2001-2003

Item	Northern Plains			United States		
	April 2001	April 2002	April 2003	April 2001	April 2002	April 2003
<i>Dollars per Ton</i>						
8-32-16	251.00	182.00	222.00	228.00	229.00	241.00
10-34-0	253.00	223.00	243.00	260.00	238.00	255.00
11-52-0	241.00	227.00	252.00	260.00	246.00	266.00
18-46-0 (DAP)	234.00	217.00	249.00	244.00	227.00	250.00
Ammonium Nitrate	241.00	178.00	231.00	260.00	195.00	243.00
Anhydrous Ammonia	385.00	228.00	374.00	399.00	250.00	373.00
Muriate of Potash - 60-62% K ₂ O	171.00	166.00	166.00	170.00	164.00	165.00
Nitrogen Solutions - 28% N	203.00	129.00	160.00	204.00	135.00	166.00
Superphosphate - 44-46% P ₂ O ₅	226.00	207.00	242.00	236.00	221.00	243.00
Urea - 44-46%	277.00	179.00	258.00	280.00	191.00	261.00

Source: USDA NASS Agricultural Prices, April 30, 2003.

Poultry: By Type, Production, Price, and Value, Nebraska and United States, 2001-2002

Item	Unit	Nebraska		United States	
		2001	2002	2001	2002
<u>Chickens, Excluding Broilers</u>					
Number Sold	mil. head	4.8	5.2	199.9	198.0
Pounds Sold	mil. lbs.	16.4	18.1	1,016.7	1,032.7
Price per Pound	cents/lb.	0.1	0.1	4.5	4.7
Value of Sales	1,000 dol.	16	18	46,353	49,023
<u>Broilers</u>					
Number Produced	mil. head	3.4	3.7	8,389.1	8,590.2
Pounds Produced	mil. lbs.	18.0	20.7	42,445.8	44,050.4
Price per Pound	cents/lb.	39.0	30.0	39.3	30.5
Value of Production	mil. dol.	7.0	6.2	16,693.5	13,434.8
<u>Eggs</u>					
Produced	mil. eggs	3,001	2,997	85,745	86,698
Price per Pound	cents/doz.	38.2	34.1	62.2	59.0
Value of Production	mil. dol.	95.5	84.6	4,446.3	4,262.7
<u>Turkeys</u>					
Number Raised	mil. hd.	1	1	272.1	272.4
Pounds Produced	mil. lbs.	1	1	7,154.8	7,406.1
Price per Pound	cents/lb.	1	1	39.0	36.5
Value of Production	mil. dol.	1	1	2,790.3	2,700.3

¹ Not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

Source: Poultry - Production and Value 2002 Summary, April 2003.

**Monthly Farrowings: Number of Sows, Pigs Per Litter, and Pig Crop,
United States December-November 2002-2003 ^{1 2}**

Month	Sows Farrowing		Pigs per Litter		Pig Crop	
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>
Dec ¹	923	908	8.66	8.75	7,994	7,943
Jan	946	931	8.73	8.82	8,257	8,211
Feb	967	928	8.83	8.86	8,543	8,220
Mar	978	940	8.80	8.85	8,608	8,319
Apr	983		8.85		8,700	
May	982		8.81		8,651	
Jun	960		8.89		8,537	
Jul	968		8.89		8,609	
Aug	959		8.92		8,554	
Sep	951		8.85		8,416	
Oct	940		8.83		8,300	
Nov	926		8.83		8,176	
Total	11,483		8.83		101,344	

¹ December preceding year.

² Monthly values may not add to quarterly or annual totals due to rounding.

Source: USDA NASS Monthly Hogs and Pigs, April 25, 2003.

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